

ESTIMATES—PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN NEW MEXICO.

LETTER

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

COMMUNICATING

Estimates necessary to complete the capitol and penitentiary buildings in New Mexico.

MARCH 13, 1860.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 12, 1860.*

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, "that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby requested to communicate to this House estimates of the sums necessary to complete the capitol and the penitentiary buildings in the Territory of New Mexico," I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Major A. H. Bowman, engineer in charge of the Bureau of Construction of this department, in which it is stated that sixty thousand dollars will be required to complete the capitol building referred to, and thirty-three thousand and four hundred dollars to properly complete that of the penitentiary.

I am, very respectfully,

HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, United States.

[Official.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office of Construction, Washington, D. C., March 9, 1860.

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, requesting you to "communicate estimates of the sums

necessary to complete the capitol and the penitentiary buildings in the Territory of New Mexico," which has been referred to this office, I have the honor to report the following facts :

The plans for these buildings were prepared in this office, but the disbursement of the appropriations therefor has been under the direction of the governor of the Territory, (ex officio disbursing agent,) who received his instructions in this office; but the appropriations have been exhausted, and the buildings are but partially erected.

The local superintendent reports that the walls of the state house are only raised to a level with the arches of the windows in the second story; and he estimates that sixty thousand dollars will be required to complete it. Seventy thousand dollars have already been expended upon it.

In reference to the penitentiary, the same officer reports that thirty-three thousand and four hundred dollars (\$33,400) will be required to properly complete it. Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) have already been expended thereon.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

A. H. BOWMAN,

Engineer in charge of Treasury Department.

Hon. HOWELL COBB,

Secretary of the Treasury.

